

HEADQUARTERS
MATS SURVIVAL SCHOOL
1300TH TRAINING SQUADRON DETACHMENT
McCall, Idaho

MSS 352

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SUBJECT: Suggested Class Schedules for MATS Survival School

THRU: Commanding Officer
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TO: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
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1. Attached are suggested class schedules for the twenty-one (21) day course of instruction (Course No. 81) at the MATS Survival School, McCall, Idaho for consideration and approval. These schedules have been determined after consideration of the following facts:

a. The current availability of fully qualified instructors and the anticipated time element involved before total number of authorized instructors can be acquired and trained. Past experience has proved that a high mortality rate occurs in training of potential instructors. In the case of military personnel a high wastage is anticipated. In the case of civilians, however, the rate is much lower because they may be more carefully selected initially.

b. Present availability of training equipment, vehicles and clothing, and the elapsed time involved before these can be expected to arrive at the school.

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c. Necessity for planning leave periods for the School's instructional staff with the least interference in the maximum output of students. It will be noted that the period 6 Sept to 28 Sept has been set aside for leave purposes. Although this may be inconsistent with normal policy for command schools, it is believed that this proposal will result in a higher standard of instruction and permit acceptance of maximum number of students. When the full complement of instructors is assigned, it will be possible to stagger leaves throughout the year without a "shut-down" period. This is expected to occur by commencement of the eighth class (1 February 1953) and thenceforth classes would commence on a monthly basis and continue without a break throughout the year. If, however, a continuous operation is attempted before the instructional staff is complete, both civilian and military instructors will be denied their annual leave. This is obviously undesirable.

d. A brief interval is necessary between 26 November and 2 December to move the base camp from the summer to the winter area.

e. The period at the close of each class is required to write up student reports, repair field equipment, school board meetings and other administrative matters, including compensatory time for civilians resulting from abnormal duty hours while in the field.

2. Effective 1 February 1953, it is anticipated that the Staff Officers Course (No. 82) and the Instructors Course (No. 83) can be commenced and phased into Course No. 81, allowing all courses to run concurrently, continuing thereafter on the following basis:

1 February	- Courses 81 and 83 begin.
4 February	- Course 82 begins.
8 February	- Course 82 ends.
21 February	- Course 81 ends.
28 February	- Course 83 ends.
1 March	- Courses 81 and 83 begin.
4 March	- Course 82 begins.
8 March	- Course 82 ends.
21 March	- Course 81 ends.
28 March	- Course 83 ends.

The capability of the school to commence these courses is dependent upon logistic support and availability of instructor personnel.

3. Request that above schedule be adopted as outlined.

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Class schedule